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SUBJ: SPACE TECHNOLOGY - UPGRADING OF JAPANESE "N" ROCKET

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1. US POSITION ON UPGRADING OF JAPANESE "N" ROCKET LAUNCH-
ING VEHICLE CONVEYED TO CHIBA AND YAMANO OF STA ON NOVEMBER
22 EXPRESSED APPRECIATION FOR AFFIRMATIVE NATURE OF US POSI-
TION AND INDICATED JAPANESE RESPONSE WOULD BE FORTHCOMING
SOON.

2. IN COURSE OF DISCUSSION, STA OFFICIALS REFERRED TO FACT
THAT OMC LICENSES ON COMMUNICATIONS AND BROADCAST SATELLITES
WERE LIMITED TO PHASE B DESIGN, AND REQUESTED EARLY ADVICE
OF US POSITION ON LICENSING OF PASE C AND FOLLOW-ON PHASES
OF THESE TWO PROJECTS. CHIBA AND YAMANO AGREED WITH SCICOUNS
OBSERVATION THAT LICENSING ACTION ON FOLLOW-ON PHASES COULD
NOT BE EXPECTED UNTIL AFTER SELECTION OF CONTRACTORS FOR
PROJECTS AND USG REVIEW OF THEIR LICENSING SUBMISSIONS.
THEY INDICATED, HOWEVER, THAT USG HAS BEEN WILLING IN PAST
TO GIVE INFORMAL ADVICE ON LICENSING APPROACH IN ADVANCE OF
FORMAL ACTION, AND REQUESTED THAT THIS BE DONE IN REGARD TO
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FORTHCOMING PHASES THESE TWO PROJECTS. EMBASSY WILL APPRECI-

ATE RECEIVING ANY ADVICE WHICH CAN BE CONVEYED TO GOJ SPACE
AUTHROTIES ON THIS MATTER.
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